

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Before computing the patent application fee, please cancel claims 1-28, and add the following new claims 29-61 to the application.

Listing of Claims:

- 1 29. **(new)** A method of implementing a user interface comprising:
2 storing one or more description documents defining a plurality of
3 types of at least one user interface and comprising definitions of elements
4 of the at least one user interface;
5 storing a plurality of objects each comprising a renderer for
6 rendering a different one of the elements;
7 forming a first renderer of a selected user interface of a selected
8 any one type of the plurality of the types by loading into an interface-
9 implementation engine (interactor) objects of the plurality of objects that
10 correspond to the elements of at least one description document of the
11 stored description documents that defines the selected user interface of
12 the selected any one type;
13 rendering the selected user interface of the selected any one type
14 by executing the first renderer;
15 forming a second renderer of a selected user interface of a selected
16 any other type of the plurality of the types which is different from said any
17 one type by loading into same said interactor objects of the plurality of
18 objects that correspond to the elements of at least one description
19 document of the stored description documents that defines the selected
20 user interface of the selected any other type; and
21 rendering the selected user interface of the selected any other type
22 by executing the second renderer.

1 30. **(new)** The method of claim 29 wherein:
2 the one type of interface is a telephony user interface (TUI); and
3 the other type of interface is a graphical user interface (GUI).

1 31. **(new)** The method of claim 29 wherein:
2 each step of forming comprises
3 reflecting the definitions of the elements from the at least one
4 description document that defines the selected user interface of the
5 selected type into an object model to create an instance of the object
6 model that defines the selected user interface of the selected type; and
7 each step of rendering comprises
8 executing the objects that correspond to the reflected element
9 definitions.

1 32. **(new)** The method of claim 29 wherein:
2 each step of rendering comprises
3 passing each element definition from the at least one description
4 document that defines the selected user interface of the selected type to
5 the corresponding object and executing said object to render the element.

1 33. **(new)** The method of claim 29 wherein:
2 storing one or more description documents comprises
3 storing one or more description documents defining the at least one
4 user interface and comprising one or more definition elements, and
5 storing one or more description documents defining interactions of
6 the at least one user interface with at least one application and comprising
7 one or more interaction elements;
8 storing a plurality of objects comprises
9 storing a plurality of layout objects each comprising a renderer for
10 rendering a different one of the definition elements, and

11 storing a plurality of connector objects each comprising a renderer
12 for rendering a different one of the interaction elements;
13 each step of forming a renderer comprises
14 forming a layout engine for the selected user interface from layout
15 objects that correspond to the definition elements of at least one
16 description document that defines the selected user interface, and
17 forming a connector engine for the selected user interface from
18 layout objects that correspond to the interaction elements of at least one
19 description document that defines interaction of the selected user interface
20 with a selected application; and
21 each step of rendering the selected user interface comprises
22 rendering the selected interface to the selected application by
23 executing the layout engine and the connector engine.

1 34. **(new)** The method of claim 33 wherein:
2 rendering the selected interface to the selected application by
3 executing the layout engine and the connector engine comprises
4 passing each element of the description documents that define the
5 selected user interface and its interaction with the selected application to
6 the corresponding object and executing said object to render said
7 element.

1 35. **(new)** An apparatus that effects the method of one of the
2 claims 29-34.

1 36. **(new)** A computer-readable medium containing instructions
2 which, when executed in a computer, cause the computer to perform the
3 method of one of the claims 29-34.

1 37. **(new)** An apparatus for implementing a user interface,
2 comprising:

3 storage for storing (a) one or more description documents defining
4 a plurality of types of at least one user interface and comprising definitions
5 of elements of at least one user interface, and (b) a plurality of objects
6 each comprising a renderer for rendering a different one of the elements;
7 and
8 a processor for connecting to the storage and (c) forming a first
9 renderer of a selected user interface of a selected any one type of the
10 plurality of the types by loading into an interface implementation engine
11 (interactor) objects of the plurality of objects that correspond to the
12 elements of at least one description document of the stored description
13 documents that defines the selected user interface of the selected any one
14 type, (d) rendering the selected user interface of the selected any one type
15 by executing the renderer, (e) forming a second renderer of a selected
16 user interface of a selected any other type of the plurality of the types
17 which is different from said any one type by loading into same said
18 interactor objects of the plurality of objects that correspond to the
19 elements of at least one description document of the stored description
20 documents that defines the selected user interface of the selected any
21 other type, and (f) rendering the selected user interface of the selected
22 any other type by executing the second renderer.

1 38. **(new)** The apparatus of claim 37 wherein:
2 the processor renders the selected user interface of the selected
3 type by passing each element definition from the at least one description
4 document that defines the selected user interface of the selected type to
5 the corresponding object and executes said object to render the element.

1 39. **(new)** The apparatus of claim 37 wherein:
2 the one type of interface is a telephony user interface (TUI); and
3 the other type of interface is a graphical user interface (GUI).

1 40. **(new)** The apparatus of claim 37 wherein:
2 the processor forms each renderer by reflecting the definitions of
3 the elements from the at least one description document that defines the
4 selected user interface of the selected type into an object model to create
5 an instance of the object model that defines the selected user interface of
6 the selected type; and
7 the processor renders each selected user interface by executing
8 the objects that correspond to the reflected element definitions.

1 41. **(new)** The apparatus of claim 37 wherein:
2 the storage stores (a)(i) one or more description documents
3 defining at least one user interface and comprising one or more definition
4 elements, (a)(ii) one or more description documents defining interactions
5 of the at least one user interface with at least one application and
6 comprising one or more interaction elements, (b)(i) a plurality of layout
7 objects each comprising a renderer for rendering a different one of the
8 definition elements, and (b)(ii) a plurality of connector objects each
9 comprising a renderer for rendering a different one of the interaction
10 elements; and
11 the processor forms (c)(i) a layout engine for the selected user
12 interface of the selected type from layout objects that correspond to the
13 definition elements of at least one description document that defines the
14 selected user interface of the selected type and (c)(ii) a connector engine
15 for the selected user interface of the selected type from layout objects that
16 correspond to the interaction elements of at least one description
17 document that defines interaction of the selected user interface of the
18 selected type with a selected application, and (d) renders the selected
19 interface of the selected type to the selected application by executing the
20 layout engine and the connector engine.

1 42. **(new)** The apparatus of claim 41 wherein:
2 the processor renders the selected user interface of the selected
3 type to the selected application by passing each element of the description
4 documents that define the selected user interface of the selected type and
5 its interactions with the selected application to the corresponding object
6 and executing said object to render said element.

1 43. **(new)** An apparatus for implementing a user interface
2 comprising:
3 means for storing one or more description documents defining a
4 plurality of types of at least one user interface and comprising definitions
5 of elements of the at least one user interface;
6 means for storing a plurality of objects each comprising a renderer
7 for rendering a different one of the elements;
8 means for forming a first renderer of a selected user interface of a
9 selected any one type of the plurality of the types by loading into an
10 interface-implementation engine (interactor) objects of the plurality of
11 objects that correspond to the elements of at least one description
12 document of the stored description documents that defines the selected
13 user interface of the selected any one type;
14 means for rendering the selected user interface of the selected any
15 one type by executing the first renderer;
16 means for forming a second renderer of a selected user interface of
17 a selected any other type of the plurality of the types which is different
18 from said any one type by loading into same said interactor objects of the
19 plurality of objects that correspond to the elements of at least one
20 description document of the stored description documents that defines the
21 selected user interface of the selected any other type, and
22 means for rendering the selected user interface of the selected any
23 other type by executing the second renderer.

1 44. **(new)** The apparatus of claim 43 wherein:
2 the one type of interface is a telephony user interface (TUI); and
3 the other type of interface is a graphical user interface (GUI).

1 45. **(new)** The apparatus of claim 43 wherein:
2 each means for forming comprises means for reflecting the
3 definitions of the elements from the at least one description document that
4 defines the selected user interface of the selected type into an object
5 model to create an instance of the object model that defines the selected
6 user interface of the selected type; and
7 each means for rendering comprises means for executing the
8 objects that correspond to the reflected element definitions.

1 46. **(new)** The apparatus of claim 43 wherein:
2 means for rendering comprise
3 means for passing each element definition from the at least one
4 description document that defines the selected user interface to the
5 corresponding object; and
6 means for executing said object to render the element.

1 47. **(new)** A method comprising:
2 storing description documents that define a user interface,
3 comprised of interface elements, in terms of an object model, some of the
4 description documents defining a first type of the user interface and others
5 of the description documents defining a second type of the user interface;
6 storing renderers each for rendering a different one of the interface
7 elements, some of the renderers for rendering the first type of the user
8 interface and others of the renderers for rendering the second type of the
9 user interface;

10 parsing the description documents of a selected either type of the
11 user interface by an interface implementation engine (interactor) to identify
12 the elements of the selected type of user interface;
13 reflecting the identified elements into the object model by the
14 interactor to generate an instance of the object model that represents the
15 selected type of the user interface;
16 downloading the renderers corresponding to the reflected elements
17 into the interactor to create a renderer for the selected type of the user
18 interface; and
19 executing the renderer by the interactor to create the selected type
20 of the user interface.

1 48. (new) The method of claim 47 wherein:
2 the first type of the interface is a telephony user interface (TUI); and
3 the second type of the interface is a graphical user interface (GUI).

1 49. (new) The method of claim 47 wherein:
2 the description documents are expressed in a mark-up language.

1 50. (new) The method of claim 47 wherein:
2 the description documents define the object model.

1 51. (new) The method of claim 47 wherein:
2 each renderer is an object whose execution renders the
3 corresponding interface element.

1 52. (new) The method of claim 51 wherein:
2 executing the renderer comprises
3 invoking execution of each loaded renderer with the corresponding
4 reflected element of the object model to render the corresponding
5 interface element.

1 53. (new) The method of claim 47 wherein:
2 each renderer is for rendering the different interface element in a
3 different interface of a different type for a different device and a different
4 application.

1 54. (new) An arrangement comprising:
2 description documents that define a user interface, comprised of
3 interface elements, in the terms of an object model, some of the
4 description documents defining a first type of the user interface and others
5 of the description documents defining a second type of the user interface;
6 renderers each for rendering a different one of the interface
7 elements, some of the renderers for rendering the first type of the user
8 interface and others of the renderers for rendering the second type of the
9 user interface; and
10 an interface implementation engine (interactor) for parsing the
11 description documents of a selected either type of the user interface to
12 identify the elements of the selected type of user interface, for reflecting
13 the identified elements into the object model to generate an instance of
14 the object model that represents the selected type of the user interface, for
15 loading the renderers corresponding to the reflected elements into the
16 interactor to create a renderer of the selected type of the user interface,
17 and for executing the renderer to create the selected type of the user
18 interface.

1 55. (new) The arrangement of claim 54 wherein:
2 the first type of the interface is a telephony user interface (TUI); and
3 the second type of the interface is a graphical user interface (GUI).

1 56. (new) The arrangement of claim 54 wherein:
2 the description documents are expressed in a mark-up language.

1 57. (new) The arrangement of claim 54 wherein:
2 the description documents define the object model.

1 58. (new) The arrangement of claim 54 wherein:
2 each renderer is an object whose execution renders the
3 corresponding interface element.

1 59. (new) The arrangement of claim 58 wherein:
2 the interactor executes the renderer by invoking execution of each
3 loaded renderer with the corresponding reflected element of the object
4 model to render the corresponding interface element.

1 60. (new) The arrangement of claim 54 wherein:
2 each renderer is for rendering the different interface element in a
3 different interface of a different type for a different device and a different
4 application.

1 61. (new) The arrangement of claim 54 further comprising:
2 storage for the description documents;
3 storage for the renderers; and
4 a processor for forming the interactor.